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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Committee amendments are adopted. Is there any further discussion on the advancement of LB 347? Seeing none, Senator Bohlke to close on the bill. Closing is waived. The question before you is the advancement of LB 347. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 347.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 347 advances. LB 201.

CLERK: (LB) 201, introduced by the Agriculture Committee. (Read title.) The bill was introduced in January, referred to the Agriculture Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Dierks to open on the bill.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. LB 201 is a bill that was introduced by the Ag Committee on behalf of the Department of Agriculture. The bill was heard in the committee on January 28th and advanced to General File with no dissenting votes and no amendments. LB 201 updates the Nebraska Pasteurized Milk Law which governs the production, processing and shipment of Grade A milk and milk products. The bill adopts, by reference, the latest provisions of the federal Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, we call it the PMO. The contents of the PMO are guidelines accepted by the United States Department of Agriculture...I'm sorry, United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Food and Drug Administration for the safe and sanitary handling of milk and milk products. The PMO was developed by the National Conference of Interstate Milk Shippers, which meet in national conference every two years for the purpose of revising these ordinances. Membership in the Interstate Milk Shippers Conference includes state regulatory officials, dairy industry groups, and FDA officials. By interstate agreement, states allow the interstate shipment of milk in and out of their borders, provided the member states adopt the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, and the FDA then serves as the third party monitor of each state's compliance. The Nebraska Pasteurized Milk Law was last updated in 1992 with the